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	11	CLASSIC DISTRIBUTING AND BEVERAGE GROUP, INC., a California corporation,	Honorable G	
	12	Plaintiff,		NT TRAVELERS
	13	V.	CASUALTY	Y AND SURETY
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	16	Defendant.		C.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT
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TRAVELERS' STATEMENT OF GENUINE ISSUES IN OPPOSITION

In opposition to the Motion for Partial Summary Judgment of Classic Distributing and Beverage Group, Inc. ("Classic"), Defendant Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America ("Travelers") sets forth below its Statement of Genuine Issues of Fact in response to Classic's Separate Statement of Uncontroverted Facts in Support of its Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

STATEMENT OF GENUINE ISSUES OF FACT

7	Classic's Alleged Undisputed Fact	Travelers' Response
8 9 10 11	Classic purchased an insurance policy from Travelers (the "Policy") for the period from October 24, 2008, to October 24, 2009. The	Undisputed.
12 13	Policy includes coverage for Employment Practices Liability ("EPL").	
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Section I(A) of the Policy contains an insuring agreement: "The Company shall pay on behalf of the Insured Loss for any Employment Claim first made during the Policy Period for a Wrongful Employment Practice."	Undisputed, but note that the coverage provided is as provided by the entirety of the language set for in the Policy.
21 22 23 24 25 26	Section II(L) of the Policy defines Loss, in pertinent part, as: Defense Expenses and money which an Insured is legally obligated to pay as a result of a Claim, including settlements; judgments;	Undisputed, but note that the coverage provided is as provided by the entirety of the language set for in the Policy.
27 28	back and front pay; compensatory damages; punitive or exemplary damages or the	

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procedures."	
Section III(E) of the Policy, together with Item 7 of the Declarations, gave Travelers the "right and duty to defend any <i>Claim</i> covered by a <i>Liability Coverage</i> , even if the allegations are groundless, false or fraudulent, including the right to select defense counsel with respect to such <i>Claim</i> ."	Undisputed, but note that the coverage provided is as provided by the entirety of the language set for in the Policy.
An endorsement to the Policy, captioned, "Wage and Hour Claim Exclusion," limits both the defense and indemnity obligations of Travelers for any "Claim" under "any "Wage and Hour Law:"	Undisputed, but note that the coverage provided is as provided by the entirety of the language set for in the Policy.
The Liability Coverage shall not apply to, and the Company shall have no duty to defend or to pay, advance or reimburse Defense Expenses for, any Claim for any actual or alleged violation of responsibilities, duties or obligations imposed on an Insured under any Wage and Hour Law, provided, that this exclusion shall not apply to Claims for Retaliation or any actual or alleged violation of the Equal Pay Act.	

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	Wage and Hour Law as defined in the Policy's Liability Coverage Terms and Conditions, Section II(Z), is "any federal, state, or local law or regulation governing or related to the payment of wages including the payment of overtime, on-call time or minimum wages, or the classification of employees for the purpose of determining employees' eligibility for compensation under such law(s)."	Undisputed, but note that the coverage provided is as provided by the entirety of the language set for in the Policy.
3 4 5 6 7 8	On April 29, 2009, Anthony Amezquita ("Amezquita") filed a putative class action lawsuit against Classic in California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles (the "Underlying Action").	Undisputed, but note that the lawsuit in the Underlying Action was initially filed on April 21, 2009, and not April 29, 2009.
9 1 1 2 3 4 4 5 6 7 8	The Complaint, by its terms, was a class complaint that sought relief for – unremedied violations of California law, including, inter alia; damages, and/or restitution, as appropriate, to members of the Class, and to victims of the practices at issue, who have had work related wages unlawfully deducted in violation of Labor Code §§ 221; who have not been reimbursed for work expenses in violation of Labor Code section 2802 and	Undisputed, but note that this is not a complete or accurate summary of the Complaint, which speaks for itself and should be read in its entirely and context.

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2 3 4 5	who failed to receive all wages due upon termination of employment in violation of Labor Code section 201.	
6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	The Complaint alleged that Classic had "failed to reimburse Plaintiff for work related expenses, unlawfully deducted incentive wages from pay, and failed to pay all wages due on termination." The Complaint alleged that Classic had "violated the wage and hour provisions of California wage and hour laws by depriving Plaintiff, as well as others similarly situated to	Undisputed, but note that this is not a complete or accurate summary of the Complaint, which speaks for itself and should be read in its entirely and context. Undisputed, but note that this is not a complete or accurate summary of the Complaint, which speaks for itself and should be
18 19 20	the named Plaintiff, of their wages when due, reimbursement for work related expenses and wages on termination."	read in its entirely and context.
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	The Complaint alleged that "[f]or at least four years prior to the filing of this complaint, [Classic] willfully committed widespread violations of California labor laws as alleged herein."	Undisputed, but note that this is not a complete or accurate summary of the Complaint, which speaks for itself and should be read in its entirely and context.
28	The Complaint alleged that Classic violated	Undisputed, but note that

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2 3 4 5 6 7	multiple provisions of the California Labor Code (§§ 201, 221, and 2802), and section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code.	this is not a complete or accurate summary of the Complaint, which speaks for itself and should be read in its entirely and context.
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	The Complaint alleged a community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved and that such questions concerned whether Classic had implemented and engaged in "systematic practice[s]" to deprive the class of work related expenses, to make unlawful deductions from wages, and to promptly pay all wages due on termination.	Undisputed, but note that this is not a complete or accurate summary of the Complaint, which speaks for itself and should be read in its entirely and context.
17 18 19 20 21 22 23	The Complaint alleged two causes of action: (1) Failure to reimburse for work related expenses in violation of Labor Code § 2802; and (2) Unfair competition under section 17200 of the Business and Professions Code.	Undisputed, but note that this is not a complete or accurate summary of the Complaint, which speaks for itself and should be read in its entirely and context.
2425	The Complaint sought seven items of relief:	Undisputed, but note that this is not a complete or
2627	1. An order certifying that the action may be maintained as a class action;	accurate summary of the Complaint, which speaks
28	2. Compensatory and statutory	for itself and should be

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	damages, penalties and restitution, as	read in its entirely and
	appropriate and available under each cause	context.
	of action, in an amount to be proven at	
	trial;	
	3. For recovery of penalties as	
	provided by the Labor Code Private	
	Attorneys General Act of 2004;	
	4. An order enjoining CLASSIC from	
	pursuing the policies, acts, and practices	
	complained of herein;	
	6. [sic] Reasonable attorneys' fees	
	pursuant to Labor Code § 2802;	
	7. Costs of this suit;	
	8. Pre- and post-judgment interest; and	
	9. Such other and further relief as the	
	Court deems just and proper.	
	Classic promptly advised Travelers of the	
	Underlying Action.	Undisputed.
	Onderrying Action.	
	By letter dated May 4, 2009, Travelers	Undisputed, but this is no
	advised Classic that no coverage existed	a complete or accurate
	under the Policy for either defense or	summary of the May 4,
	indemnity of the Underlying Action.	2009 letter, which speaks
		for itself.
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	By letter dated July 6, 2009 (the "July, 2009	Disputed as stated.

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2	Letter"), Classic advised Travelers that "there	July 9, 2009 Letter
3	is no coverage available for the causes of	contains the excerpted
4	action alleged in the Complaint."	language, but denies that
5		the statement is a
6		complete or accurate
7		summary of the coverage
8		position set forth in the
9		July 6, 2009 letter. For
10		example, the July 6, 2009
11		Letter advised Classic
12		that a defense was being
13		provided solely due to the
14		allegation that Classic had
15		a Policy to not reimburse
16		work related expenses in
17		violation of section 2802
18		(which triggered coverage
19		for Defense Expenses),
20		but coverage was denied
21		for indemnity in regard to
22		all causes of action.
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24		Classic's evidence: Tab
25		A3: The July, 2009
26		Letter.
27		Travelers evidence: Ex. 1
28		to Declaration of Mary

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2	Anne Veniegas
	("Veniegas Decl."), July
	6, 2009 letter from
	Travelers to Classic, ECF
	No. 14-1.
The July, 2009 Letter also stated that "[a] potential obligation to indemnify exists base	Disputed as stated.
on the allegations in the Class Action	Travelers admits that the
Complaint and accordingly Travelers agree	July 9, 2009 Letter
to defend its Insured's [sic] in this matter	contains the excerpted
subject to rights it reserved under the Police	language, but denies that
3	the statement is a
4	complete or accurate
5	summary of the coverage
6	position set forth in the
7	July 6, 2009 letter. For
8	example, the July 6, 2009
9	Letter advised Classic
0	that a defense was being
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25	violation of section 2802
6	(which triggered coverage
7	for Defense Expenses),
8	but coverage was denied

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but "unlawful and/or unfair and/or fraudulent	and should be read in its
activity prohibited by California Business and	entirely and context.
Professions Code section 17200."	
Amezquita's Fourth Cause of Action sought relief under the Labor Code Private Attorney	Undisputed, but note that
General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"), including the	this is not a complete or
remedy of civil penalties for violations of the	accurate summary of the
Labor Code as indicated. He alleged	Amended Complaint,
compliance with the statutory notice	which speaks for itself
provisions to the California Labor and	and should be read in its
Workplace Development Agency.	entirely and context.
The Complaint sought seven items of relief:	Undisputed, but note that
1. An order certifying that the action	this is not a complete or
may be maintained as a class action;	accurate summary of the
2. Compensatory and statutory	Amended Complaint,
damages, penalties and restitution, as	which speaks for itself
appropriate and available under each cause	and should be read in its
of action, in an amount to be proven at	entirely and context.
trial;	
3. For recovery of penalties as	
provided by the Labor Code Private	
Attorneys General Act of 2004;	
4. An order enjoining CLASSIC from	
pursuing the policies, acts, and practices	

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2		disclaimed coverage for
3		any damages that did not
4		qualify as "Loss" within
5		the meaning of the Policy,
6		that any fines, penalties or
7		liquidated damages
8		awarded under the
9		Amended Complaint
10		would not be covered,
11		and that its duty to defend
12		the claim "may be
13		extinguished at some
14		point in the future if it can
15		be determined that no
16		coverage exists for this
17		matter under the Policy.
18		Classic's evidence: Tab
19		A4: The July 21, 2010
20		letter.
21		101101.
22		Travelers evidence: Ex. 2
23		to Veniegas Decl., July
24		21, 2010 letter from
25		Travelers to Classic, ECF
26		No. 14-1.
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2		coverage for indemnity
3		had been denied for all
4		causes of action in the
5		Amended Complaint, and
6		its duty to defend arose
7		only out of a potential
8		obligation to indemnify
9		based on the claim under
10		§ 2802. Further,
11		Travelers explained that
12		because coverage for
13		indemnity had been
14		denied for all causes of
15		action in the Amended
16		Complaint, there was no
17		conflict of interest giving
18		rise to an obligation to
19		appoint independent
20		counsel because there was
21		nothing that defense
22		counsel could do to steer
23		the defense away from
		covered allegations to
		non-covered allegations.
- 1		Therefore, Travelers
		denied Classic's request
28		to pay for independent
2425262728	21	non-covered allegations. Therefore, Travelers denied Classic's request

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2		counsel to defend it
3		against the Amezquita
4		Action.
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6		Classic's evidence: Tab
7		B7: The September 27,
8		2010 letter.
9		Travelers evidence: Ex. 2
10		to Declaration of
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12		Alexander Hopkins,
13		September 27, 2010 letter
14		from Travelers to Classic,
15		ECF No. 14-4.
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